

San Jose Redistricting – Nov 30 City Council Meeting Agenda Item 3.3

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Mon 11/29/2021 10:35 PM

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Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I urge you to adopt the Community Map. I believe it would best serve all San Jose residents, minimizing the number of people displaced to new districts, and maximizing the ability for council offices to provide the best services for all residents.

Unity Map proponents would like you to believe that changing district boundaries based primarily on ethnicity would enhance the voices of under-served people such as ethnic minorities, renters and LGBTQ people. But consider this: The issues that impact these and all residents the most are location-based, and are best served by compact contiguous districts with logical geographical boundaries. Here are examples:

- Residential and commercial developments (e.g. the Google development, city-wide Urban Villages, and downtown high rises)
- Transportation (e.g. roads, transit, High Speed Rail, the Diridon Station area)
- Shopping and dining districts
- Homelessness
- Blight

I fully expect all councilmembers to equally represent all city residents regardless of ethnicity, income, gender, and homeowner/renter status. I don't buy the narrative that simply selecting district boundaries based on racial demographics will improve the lives of the under-served. However, dividing communities of interest would definitely make the entire city less efficient to manage and reduce the quality of service for all residents.

I live in the Blossom Hill/Almaden Expy greater Community of Interest, and have been a neighborhood leader here for over 20 years. This complex area is currently effectively managed by Districts 9 and 10. The Community Map preserves the current boundaries with minor adjustments. The Unity Map divides this COI with a narrow Gerrymandered arm of District 2 along the Blossom Hill Road corridor. This would greatly complicate resolution of numerous issues we will face in the next ten years, for example:

- Almaden Expy from Blossom Hill to Branham is one of the most complicated and congested stretches of road in the city, made more complex by being a county road. This stretch should remain under the jurisdiction of a single council district. The Community Map keeps this stretch under the purview of District

9, with a small portion shared with District 10. The Unity Map divides this critical corridor by injecting a sliver of District 2 between Districts 9 and 10. The Community Map would be far better here.

- The Blossom Hill Road corridor from Hwy 85 to Pioneer High School (west of Almaden Expy) is slated to have multiple Urban Villages per GP2040. Most of the impacts of these developments will be felt by the communities to the north and south (D9 and D10). The Community Map maintains D9 and D10 seats at the table when these developments are being designed, decided upon, and built. The Unity Map moves this corridor into a narrow sliver of District 2, **silencing the voices** of District 9 and 10 residents who will be the most affected. The Community Map would be far better here.
- The Guadalupe River runs parallel to Almaden Expy with challenges such as Almaden Lake reconstruction, trail development, possible pedestrian bridge development (at Chynoweth), flood control, drought, encampments, and numerous fires. The Unity Map divides this corridor by injecting a sliver of District 2 between Districts 9 and 10. The Community Map would be better here.

Now let's zoom out to a wider view of Districts 2 and 10. Both of their greater Communities of Interest are oriented generally north/south in terms of community resources and daily commutes. The Community Map keeps these two districts oriented north/south as they are now, whereas the Unity Map orients them east/west, **dividing both** greater COIs. Ironically, the Unity Map even moves District 2's biggest community/senior center (Southside) to District 10! Here are examples why both districts should remain oriented north/south as they are now, and are in the Community Map:

- The greater District 10 COI generally follows the Almaden Expy, Guadalupe River and Hwy 87 corridors (north/south). The Almaden Area is highly dependent on the Almaden Expressway corridor and greatly impacted by congestion on Almaden Expy between Blossom Hill and Branham. Significant shopping and dining are centered in the Almaden/Blossom Hill area. The Community Map would be better here.
- The greater District 2 COI generally follows the Monterey Hwy and Coyote Creek corridors (north/south). D2 residents will experience major High Speed Rail development and traffic disruptions over the next ten years. Significant shopping and dining are centered in the Monterey Hwy and Cottle Road areas. The Community Map would be better here.

Like you, I would like to see under-served residents have a stronger voice in local government. As a long-time neighborhood leader, here are my recommendations to accomplish that:

- The council offices need to take a lead role in publicizing and holding public meetings on items that affect their residents, and insist on holding them at times and locations that the affected residents can attend.
- Establish a program to develop and incubate new community associations (neighborhood associations, renters associations, business districts, etc.), and partner new and mature associations in mentorship relationships.
- Consider providing additional funding and possibly staff support to United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County to revive their annual Neighborhood Development Training Conferences.
- Consider reviving the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative.

In closing, please select the Community Map. It was created by volunteer neighborhood leaders in their spare time, following all applicable laws and best practices to identify and preserve Communities of Interest city-wide, and best serve all residents.

In contrast, the Unity Map was developed by a paid consultant funded indirectly by the South Bay Labor Council, using expensive software and voter data not available to the general public or the Community Map developers, dividing communities of interest citywide for its own political gain. A quick glance at the Unity Map shows it is textbook-Gerrymandered, and that shouldn't be acceptable in San Jose.

Thank you for your consideration,

David Noel, President
Erikson Neighborhood Association

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Agenda Item 3.3 (Redistricting Public Hearing)

James Nakamura <[REDACTED]>

Tue 11/30/2021 7:16 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: jamesnakamura <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council Members:

My name is James Nakamura.

I wish to express my opposition to all three of the forwarded 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission redistricting plans.

I am presenting three alternative redistricting plans. The third of these plans would have an adjusted-2020 Census Hispanic majority in both Districts 3 and 5.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Nakamura

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Redistricting Presentation

Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council Members:

My name is James Nakamura.

I wish to express my opposition to all three of the forwarded 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission redistricting plans.

Below are a map each for three alternative redistricting plans. The third of these plans would have an adjusted-2020 Census Hispanic majority in both Districts 3 and 5.

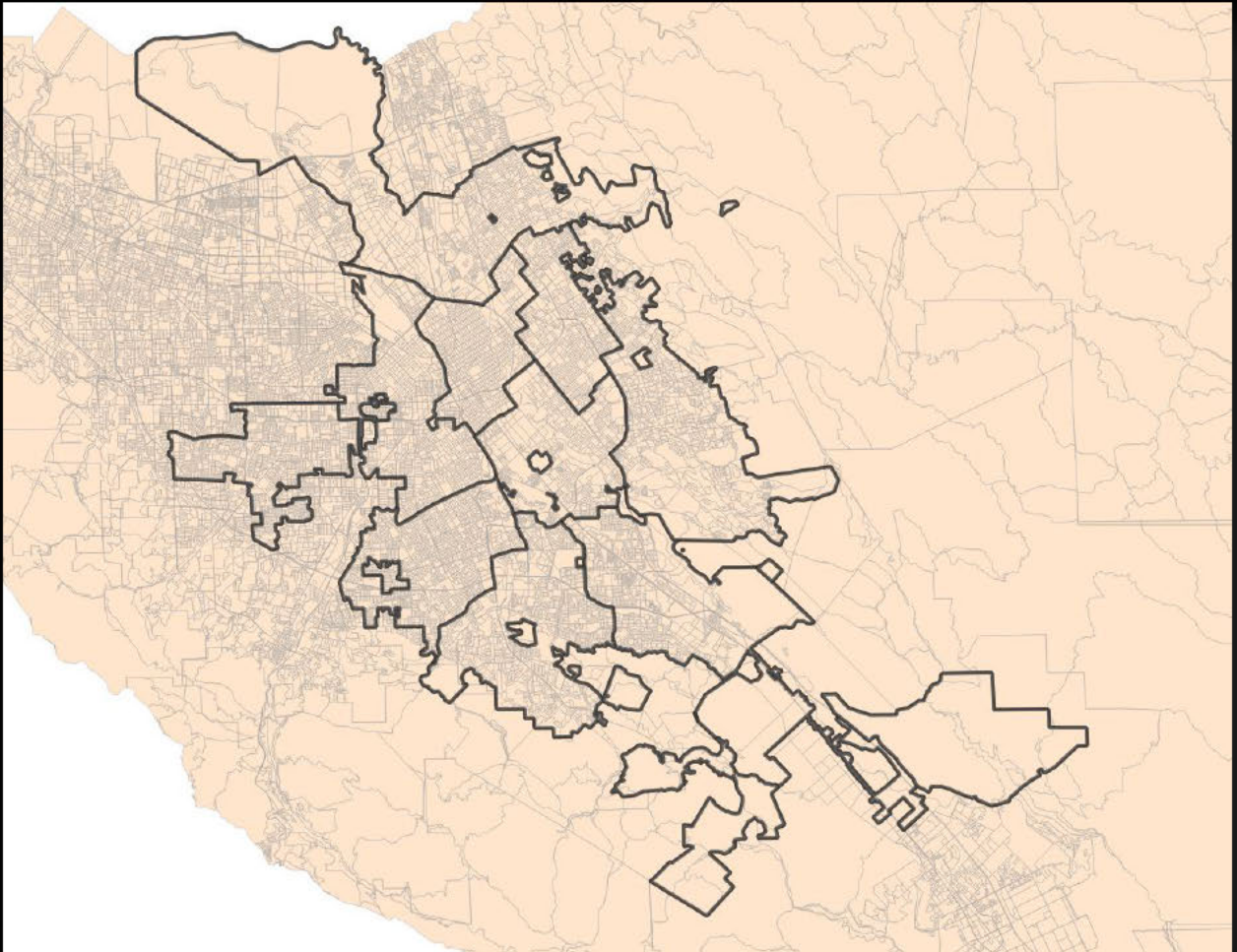
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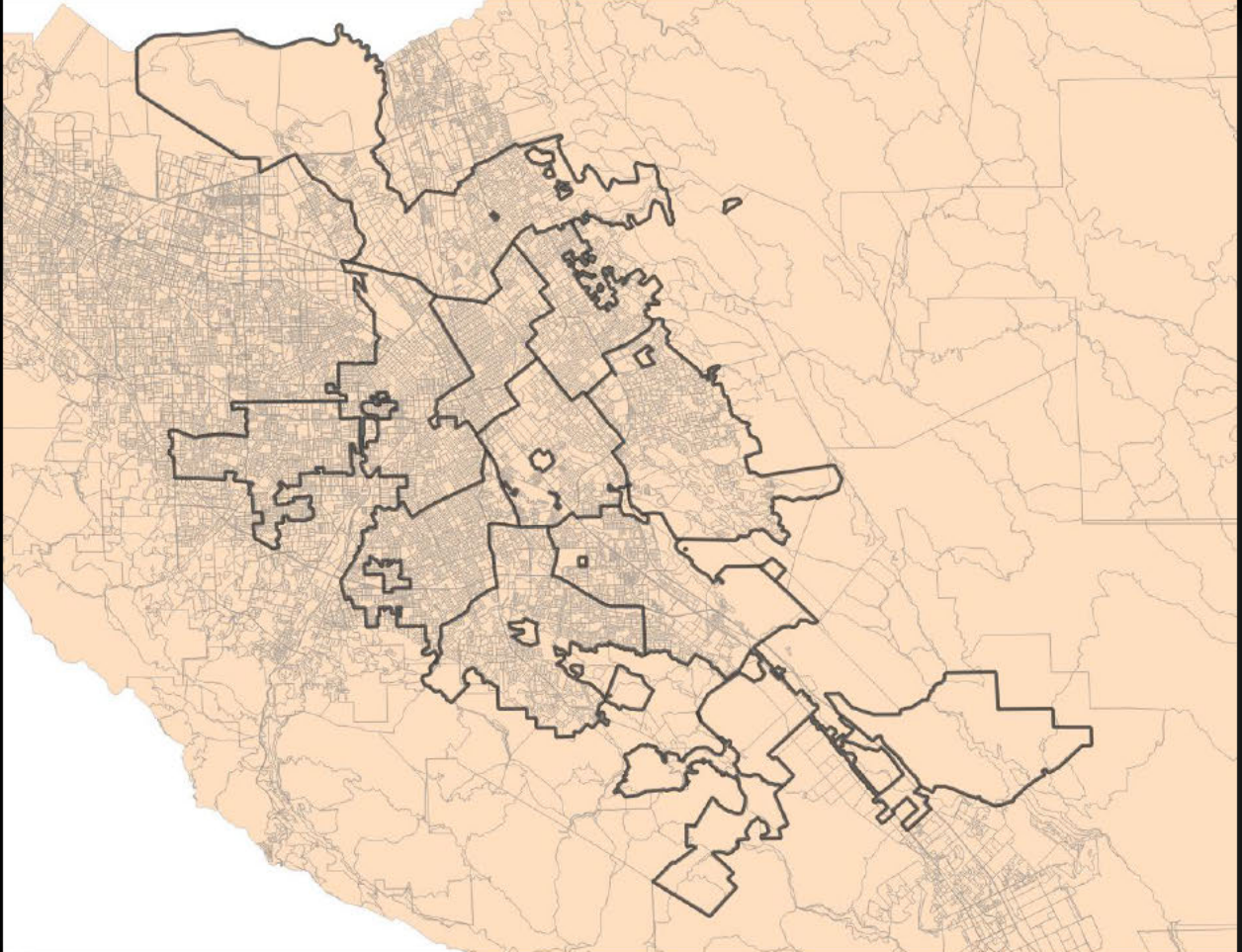
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San Jose Alternative Redistricting Plans

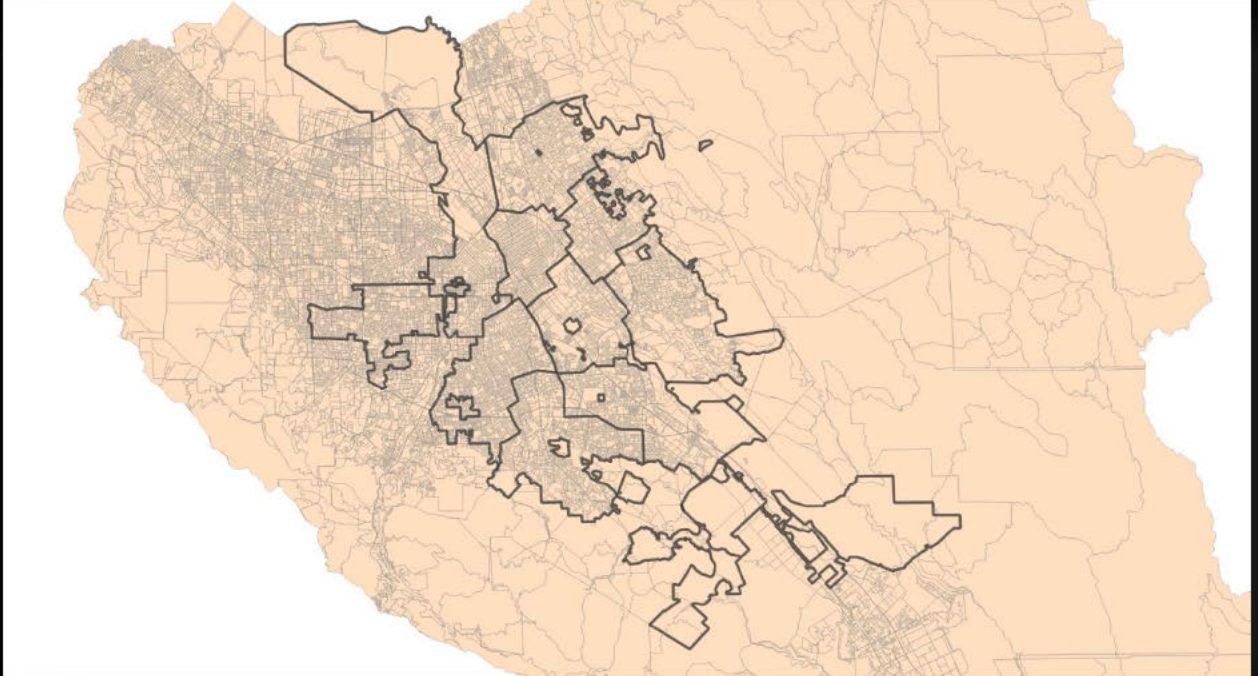
Plan 1A



Plan 2A



Plan 3A



With this redistricting plan both Districts 3 and 5 would be adjusted-2020 Census majority Hispanic districts (51.8% for District 3 and 60.7% for District 5).¹

Presented by James Nakamura

¹ Source for percentages: Dave's Redistricting, LLC

City Council Agenda 11/20/2021, Item 3.3, Redistricting Decision

David Pandori [REDACTED]

Tue 11/30/2021 12:46 AM

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Mayor and Councilmembers:

Like most things that are false and fraudulent, the self-proclaimed "Unity" map attempts to cover-up what it actually is – divisive and discriminatory.

The "Unity" map divides historic downtown neighborhoods, interconnected downtown streets and splits the downtown business district. It dilutes downtown neighborhood voices by stripping them away from fellow downtown neighborhoods and combining them with neighborhoods outside the downtown that share different interests and concerns.

The "Unity" map splits neighborhoods so that it can achieve apparent discriminatory purposes. The map targets the removal of the Hyde Park, Vendome, Rosemary Gardens and Downtown Core neighborhoods. Each of these neighborhoods share a common demographic -- they have higher "Other" populations compared to other downtown neighborhoods that were not targeted. Removing downtown neighborhoods from the downtown district because of the racial composition of the neighborhood undermines the fundamental rights of all San Jose residents and the integrity of city government. No neighborhood should be targeted for different treatment because of race. The downtown council district has a long and continuous history of being a diverse district and has had diverse representation on the city council and city commissions.

Removing these neighborhoods was unnecessary for equalizing the overall population among the proposed council districts. In fact, targeting these neighborhoods has had the opposite effect. The removal of these neighborhoods contributed to District 3 being the least populated of the 10 council districts. This fact further demonstrates the apparent discriminatory purpose of the "Unity" map.

District elections were approved by San Jose voters in 1978 with the purpose of ensuring that all neighborhoods in San Jose were represented. Prior to district elections, political representation tended to be dominated by the highest voter turnout areas in San Jose, particularly the Willow Glen area. Since the advent of district elections, all neighborhoods have an elected representative on the council and the city council has become more diverse both geographically and racially.

The Unity Map turns back the clock on the progress achieved by district elections by targeting four downtown neighborhoods for removal and diluting them with neighborhoods in Willow Glen. These neighborhoods have historically had unequal political voices. Moreover, they have different interests and needs. And in those instances where there is a common regional interest, such as airport environmental impacts, downtown neighbors will now have a diminished voice with only one councilmember who has an substantial interest in advocating for them.

Day to day quality of life concerns will become more complicated to address with the Unity map. Common downtown public safety issues will now required the involvement of two councilmembers. Dealing with traffic issues on downtown streets will be more inefficient and confusing, with two councilmembers now involved with ongoing traffic issues on downtown's street grid with neither councilmember responsible for the entire problem or solution. Development politics will also involve two councilmembers – one on one side of First Street and another one on the other side of First Street with more confusing boundaries in the downtown business district.

I have been a downtown resident for almost 40 years. I have gotten to know the diverse neighborhood within the district as a resident, a former councilmember and a deputy district attorney who has prosecuted criminal cases in San Jose. I have come to learn about the common challenges downtown neighborhoods face. More than any other district of San Jose, downtown neighborhoods share interconnected challenges affecting the quality of life. The Unity Map draws a line that divides and dilutes these neighborhoods.

Ironically, support for the "Unity" map itself has been divisive. It received a bare majority vote to pass it along to the city council only because of the powerful political interests that backed it. Yet something as important as the political boundaries that will impact the voices of neighborhood residents for the next decade should not rest on such a divisive vote. This controversial map should not have been passed forward to the city council for consideration.

Please reject the divisive and discriminatory "Unity" map and honor the spirit, goals and achievements established with the approval of district elections.

Thank you.

David Pandori

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Barb MacNeil [REDACTED]

Tue 11/30/2021 2:20 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Mayor, San Jose City Council members and Redistricting Commission.

I am writing to let you know we would fully support the COMMUNITY MAP and oppose the Unity map.

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Fw: Item Number 3.3-Council Redistricting-Council Agenda For November 30, 2021

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 11/30/2021 7:08 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

Barb Gregory**Analyst II****Office of the City Clerk****200 E Santa Clara St FL T-14****San Jose, C-A 95112****408-535-1272 Fax: 408-292-6207****e-mail: barbara.gregory@sanjoseca.gov****How is our service? [Please take our short survey.](#)****From:** Aurelia Sanchez [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:05 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Item Number 3.3-Council Redistricting-Council Agenda For November 30, 2021

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Honorable Mayor And Council Members,

As a long time resident of District 3, I am supporting the Community Map. I worry that my neighborhood Spartan Keyes with all of its affordable housing and supportive housing will be split therefore allowing more affordable housing and supportive housing to be built as we move forward with SB9, SB10, SB35 and Opportunity Housing. My neighborhood is a small area with high density and with no amenities and a high homeless population and crime rate. In addition, we have accumulated some park fees that be might lost if we go to another district.

Aurelia Sanchez
District 3 resident

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Fw: Redistricting Maps

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Thank You,

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Subject: Redistricting Maps

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I am writing to urge you to support the "Community" redistricting map, which was developed by neighborhood leaders who made every effort to adhere to the law and city charter. The redistricting commission was tasked with achieving necessary balance while making minimal changes to existing boundaries. The "Community" map accomplishes that goal.

The "Unity" map disregards the intent of the law and city charter by carving up communities in order to gain political advantage. The map makes considerable boundary changes, displaces residents, and complicates issues impacting Districts 9 and 10 by unnecessarily inserting an arm of District 2 between these two established districts. This clearly falls outside the guidelines for making minimal boundary changes in order to achieve necessary results.

I believe the "Community" map most closely adheres to the law and established guidelines, and I urge you to support it.

Thank you.

Marsey Kahn
Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association

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Letter from the Vietnamese American Roundtable for Agenda Item 3.3: Redistricting

Philip Nguyen <philip@varoundtable.org>

Tue 11/30/2021 9:28 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear City Clerk and San Jose City Council,

To this email, I have attached a collectively signed statement and petition by Vietnamese American community members in support of the Unity Map for the City of San Jose in addition to the inclusion of Evergreen in the County of Santa Clara County Map.

This letter will continue to be updated with signatures and resubmitted prior to the following Council meeting regarding the redistricting process.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Philip

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Philip Nguyen (he/him)
Executive Director
Vietnamese American Roundtable | <http://varoundtable.org>

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November 24, 2021

**PETITION SUPPORTING THE UNITY MAP FOR CITY OF SAN JOSÉ AND MOVING
EVERGREEN INTO DISTRICT 2 FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

Redistricting is an important process that only occurs once a decade. How our boundaries are drawn determines how we are represented in the policy and decision making process in our elected bodies. It is for this reason that the voices of our communities, particularly those who have long been marginalized, must be included in any discussion about how our boundaries are drawn. It is also for this reason that VAR endorses the Unity Map for the City of San José and the inclusion of Evergreen into District 2 for the County of Santa Clara.

The undersigned represent individuals and organizations who work within and advocate for the Vietnamese residents of Santa Clara County. Our decision to support the Unity Map for the City of San José and moving Evergreen into District 2 for Santa Clara County reflects two equal objectives. The first was to protect the voice of the Vietnamese community by ensuring that our neighborhoods are not divided, which would dilute our power and ability to advocate for our needs. The second was to stand in solidarity with other communities of color and support efforts that strengthen our collective voice and move forward our ability to address the impacts of redlining and historical disenfranchisement.

We are also guided by 2010 Census Data showing that Vietnamese households are most clustered in east Santa Clara County, running from Milpitas southward towards the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Evergreen, and Edenvale in South San Jose. Alum Rock has the lowest density of Vietnamese households, but there is still a significant presence.

Based on [2010 Census data](#), the Unity Map best serves both of these objectives for the City of San José. The Unity Map is proposed and supported by our fellow advocates who long stood on the side of social justice. Their goal in proposing the Unity Map is to enhance the voices of communities of color and to create the environment that allows us to make the most impact in addressing the historical and structural barriers to our advancement. Through every iteration of the Unity Map council map, the boundaries of working class neighborhoods in the eastern half of San José have been preserved.

We cannot support the Community Map. While it has evolved to preserve most of the boundaries that the Unity Map does in the eastern half of San José, its original design showed an intention only to preserve the boundaries of traditional neighborhoods adjacent to downtown, overlooking how the original proposal would impact the rest of our city. Though the impact to the eastern half of San José is now minimal in both proposals, we stand with our allies who have been thoughtful and intentional in their work.



For the County of Santa Clara, we support moving Evergreen into District 2. This is important because under our current district boundaries, the vast majority of Vietnamese households are located in Districts 2 and 3, and most heavily in the latter district. Recognizing that District 3 has had the most population growth and needs to be reduced, moving Evergreen to District 2 still preserves Vietnamese density in the two districts where our community has been most present.

At the County level, we urge the Board of Supervisors to move Evergreen into District 2. The proposal to remove Evergreen into District 1 dilutes Vietnamese electoral density too drastically. In effect, these proposals split the Vietnamese community into three districts, diluting our presence in the district where we have been most congregated and shifting a significant number of Vietnamese households into a district where there is much less Vietnamese density.

The need to preserve the voices of communities of color has been made clear during the pandemic, and we are best served when we find ways to elevate all of our voices. Black and Brown communities experienced the highest disparities during the past 20 months. Vietnamese and Filipino families were ravaged by COVID-19 cases. Small businesses are still reeling, including the nail salon industry which is dominated by refugee and immigrant Vietnamese women. Keeping our neighborhoods together gives us more capacity to advocate for our community as we come out of the pandemic and address these challenges.

In Solidarity,

Signees on behalf of an organization or entity:

Philip Nguyen, Executive Director of Vietnamese American Roundtable

Quyen Nguyen, Owner of Q Cleaners & Alterations

Bao Trieu, CEO, Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation (VIVO)

Anthony Lê, PVTL Moments

Linda Do, Owner of Blossom Nail Spa

Quyen Vuong, Executive Director of International Children Assistance Network (ICAN)

Cindy Nguyen, Owner of Eye Focus Optometry

Signees on behalf of an individual:

Jenny Ngoc Nguyen, Cabinet Staff for Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations (UNAVSA)



Minh Pham, Trustee, Alum Rock Union Elementary School District

Maggie Le Chương, former VAR Board member

Huong Nguyen, former San Jose Evergreen Community College Trustee

Christina Johnson, San Jose Charter Review Commission Vice-Chair

Mimi Nguyen, Executive Director of Step Forward Foundation

Alex Nguyen, resident in the San Jose Evergreen community, owner of Hot Boi Chili Oil, graduate student at Santa Clara University

Nam Pham, former VAR Board member

Philip Nguyen, SJSU VSA & NorCal UVSA Alumni

Nicole Phan, UNAVSA & Amplify Asian America

Linda Nguyen, Office of Racial equity, diversity & inclusion at Santa Clara Valley Water District

Don Nguyen, NorCal UVSA External Vice President

Isabella Luong, VAR Board Member

Sergeant Van Doan Ngo, Vice-President of Milpitas Weller Elementary PTA

Hien Tran, Guild for Professional Pharmacists member

Dr. Hanh Vu, Santa Clara County and San Jose resident

Dan Huynh, Board of Directors, Union of North American Vietnamese Students Associations (UNAVSA)

An Le, Milpitas Teachers Association member

*****INSTRUCTIONS** - To sign this position, simply type in your name and the organization you represent (if any) above this message. Your changes to this document will appear as suggestions from you. Please add your logo as well. We will accept your suggestions, and you will be part of our petition as a signatory!

Ngày 24 Tháng 11 Năm 2021

**TUYÊN BỐ ỦNG HỘ BẢN ĐỒ THỐNG NHẤT (UNITY MAP) CHO THÀNH PHỐ SAN JOSÉ
VÀ CHUYỂN EVERGREEN VÀO KHU VỰC 2 CỦA QUẬN HẠT SANTA CLARA**

Việc tái phân chia khu vực là một quá trình quan trọng chỉ diễn ra mỗi mười năm. Cách ranh giới của các khu vực được xác định ảnh hưởng trực tiếp đến việc cư dân trong khu vực được đại diện trong quá trình ra quyết định và chính sách của các cơ quan công quyền. Chính vì lý do này mà tiếng nói của các cộng đồng đặc biệt là những cộng đồng ít được chú ý cũng phải được đưa xem xét trong quá trình xác định ranh giới các khu vực. Cũng chính vì lý do này mà Vietnamese American Roundtable (VAR) ủng hộ Bản Đồ Thống Nhất (Unity Map) cho Thành Phố San José. VAR cũng ủng hộ việc đưa Evergreen vào Khu Vực 2 của Quận Hạt Santa Clara.

Những người ký tên dưới đây đại diện cho các cá nhân và tổ chức vận động cho người dân Việt tại Quận Hạt Santa Clara. Khi đưa ra quyết định này VAR đã được dựa vào hai tiêu chí. Đầu tiên là để bảo vệ tiếng nói của cộng đồng Việt Nam bằng cách bảo đảm rằng các khu vực của chúng ta không bị chia rẽ, điều này sẽ làm suy giảm sức mạnh cộng đồng và khả năng vận động cho các nhu cầu của chúng ta. Thứ hai là đoàn kết với các cộng đồng da màu khác và ủng hộ những nỗ lực nhằm củng cố tiếng nói tập thể nhằm chống lại các tác động của việc loại trừ và tước quyền đã từng xảy ra trong lịch sử.

VAR cũng dựa theo dữ liệu thống kê dân số năm 2010 ([2010 Census data](#)) cho thấy các hộ gia đình Việt Nam tập trung nhiều nhất ở phía Đông Quận Hạt Santa Clara, chạy từ Milpitas về phía nam đến Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Evergreen, và Edenvale ở phía Nam San Jose. Mật độ hộ gia đình Việt Nam ít nhất trong khu vực Alum Rock, nhưng vẫn có sự hiện diện đáng kể.

Dựa trên dữ liệu thống kê dân số năm 2010, Bản Đồ Thống Nhất (Unity Map) phục vụ tốt nhất cả hai mục tiêu này cho Thành phố San José. Bản Đồ Thống Nhất (Unity Map) được đề xuất và ủng hộ bởi những người đồng sự của chúng tôi và họ là những người từ lâu luôn tranh đấu công bằng xã hội. Mục tiêu của họ trong việc đề xuất Bản Đồ Thống Nhất (Unity Map) là nhằm nâng cao tiếng nói của các cộng đồng da màu và tạo ra môi trường cho phép chúng ta tạo ra tác động lớn nhất trong việc giải quyết các rào cản lịch sử đối với sự tiến bộ của các cộng đồng da màu. Qua mỗi lần thiết lập Bản Đồ Thống Nhất (Unity Map), ranh giới của các khu dân cư của tầng lớp lao động ở nửa phía Đông của San José đã được giữ nguyên.

Chúng tôi không thể hỗ trợ Bản Đồ Cộng Đồng (Community Map). Mặc dù bản đồ này đã được thay đổi để duy trì hầu hết các ranh giới mà Bản Đồ Thống Nhất (Unity Map) hiện có ở nửa phía Đông của San José, thiết kế ban đầu của Bản Đồ Cộng Đồng (Community Map) cho thấy mục đích chỉ để giữ ranh giới của các khu dân cư truyền thống tiếp giáp với trung tâm thành phố mà

không quan tâm đến việc đề xuất ban đầu sẽ có tác động như thế nào phần còn lại của thành phố. Mặc dù tác động đến nửa phía Đông của San José hiện không lớn trong cả hai đề xuất, nhưng chúng tôi sát cánh với các cộng sự của mình, những người đã chu đáo và có chủ đích trong công việc của họ trong suốt quá trình này.

Đối với Quận Hạt Santa Clara, chúng tôi ủng hộ việc chuyển Evergreen vào Khu Vực 2. Điều này rất quan trọng vì theo ranh giới khu vực hiện tại đại đa số các hộ gia đình Việt Nam sinh sống tại Khu Vực 2 và 3 (nhiều nhất là 3). Nhận thấy rằng Khu Vực 3 đang có mức tăng trưởng mạnh nhất và nhu cầu thu hẹp lại, việc chuyển Evergreen sang Khu Vực 2 vẫn giữ được mật độ người Việt ở hai Khu Vực.

Ở cấp độ Quận Hạt, chúng tôi kêu gọi Ban Giám Sát chuyển Evergreen vào Khu Vực 2. Bất kỳ đề nghị nào chuyển Evergreen sang Khu Vực 1, một Khu Vực theo truyền thống có ít hộ gia đình Việt Nam so với Quận 2 và 3 sẽ làm loãng sức mạnh cộng đồng Việt Nam đáng kể. Trên thực tế, những đề nghị này đã chia cộng đồng Việt Nam thành ba Khu Vực, làm giảm sự hiện diện của chúng ta ở Khu Vực mà chúng ta tập trung đông nhất và chuyển một số lượng đáng kể hộ gia đình Việt Nam sang một quận có mật độ người Việt ít hơn nhiều.

Nhu cầu bảo tồn tiếng nói của các cộng đồng da màu đã được thể hiện rõ ràng trong thời gian đại dịch, và chúng ta được phục vụ tốt nhất khi chúng ta tìm cách nâng cao tiếng nói của mình. Các cộng đồng da màu chịu nhiều thiệt hại nhất trong đại dịch, và các gia đình Việt Nam và Philippines cũng có số ca nhiễm COVID-19 cao. Các doanh nghiệp nhỏ vẫn đang chống chọi với những khó khăn, bao gồm cả ngành nails với phần đông chủ doanh nghiệp là phụ nữ Việt Nam tị nạn và nhập cư và con cháu của họ. Giữ giữ được các khu vực đông người Việt sẽ giúp chúng ta có thêm khả năng vận động cho cộng đồng.

Với một tinh thần đoàn kết cộng đồng,

Signees on behalf of an organization or entity:

Philip Nguyen, Executive Director of Vietnamese American Roundtable

Quyen Nguyen, Owner of Q Cleaners & Alterations

Bao Trieu, CEO, Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation (VIVO)

Anthony Lê, PVTL Moments

Linda Do, Owner of Blossom Nail Spa

Quyen Vuong, Executive Director of International Children Assistance Network (ICAN)



Signees on behalf of an individual:

Jenny Ngoc Nguyen, Cabinet Staff for Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations (UNAVSA) and resident of Santa Clara County and San Jose

Minh Pham, Trustee, Alum Rock Union Elementary School District

Maggie Le Chương, former VAR Board member

Huong Nguyen, former San Jose Evergreen Community College Trustee

Christina Johnson, San Jose Charter Review Commission Vice-Chair

Mimi Nguyen, Executive Director of Step Forward Foundation

Alex Nguyen, resident in the San Jose Evergreen community, owner of Hot Boi Chili Oil, graduate student at Santa Clara University

Nam Pham, former VAR Board member

Philip Nguyen, SJSU VSA & NorCal UVSA Alumni

Nicole Phan, UNAVSA & Amplify Asian America

Linda Nguyen, Office of Racial equity, diversity & inclusion at Santa Clara Valley Water District

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An Le, Milpitas Teachers Association member



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Re: Agenda Item 3.3 21-2503 City of San José Council District Redistricting Public Hearing

Nicole Goehring <nicole@abcnorcal.org>

Tue 11/30/2021 11:32 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council,

As a member of the Silicon Valley Business PAC Board of Directors, I am writing today in support of the Community Map that adheres to redistricting best practices. This map prioritizes keeping together “communities of interest” such as neighborhoods and commercial zones with similar needs and minimizes the number of residents whose representation will change when the new map is adopted next year. Essentially, this map moves district boundaries at the edges just enough to rebalance for population growth. For these reasons, please support attachment three – community map.

Nicole Goehring

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Fw: Redistricting Plan for City of San Jose

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 11/30/2021 12:00 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

Barb Gregory**Analyst II****Office of the City Clerk****200 E Santa Clara St FL T-14****San Jose, C-A 95112****408-535-1272 Fax: 408-292-6207****e-mail: barbara.gregory@sanjoseca.gov****How is our service? [Please take our short survey.](#)****From:** Connie Bloch [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 9:31 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Redistricting Plan for City of San Jose

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Re: Nov. 30 City Council Meeting Agenda Item 3.3

Dear Mayor Licardo, Councilmember Pam Foley and Members of San Jose City Council;

I am writing in support of the "Community map" for redistricting in the City of San Jose. I have lived in District 9 of San Jose since 2005, and I feel this redistricting plan makes the most sense for our communities and City. It keeps communities together who have a history of working together in the past and can continue to work together in the future as we face similar challenges.

Looking at the "Unity map" which I understand is also under consideration, it looks like that map was put together with gerrymandering interests.

We face many challenges in our future as our communities continue to grow and develop. The "Community map" most supports our districts and City.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Connie Hall
Resident District 9



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Fw: Redistricting Nov. 30 council input

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Cc: Ann L [REDACTED]**Subject:** Redistricting Nov. 30 council input

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Dear Council members,

You must reject the Unity Map! It is based on racial and political gerrymandering and lies.

In Jeffrey Buchanan's letter from Oct. 11, he said the Unity Map will create a "second western downtown district, with an evenly distributed number of Hispanic, Asian and White population". But the Unity Map, in that district, leaves Asians at 13.4% less than Hispanics. How is that "evenly distributed"?

His letter also said that he will leave City Hall with the eastern downtown. But he lied. The Unity Map has City Hall and several blocks around it in their western downtown.

This whole "western downtown", which is District 6, is a disaster.
And, they left San Jose Airport dangling out at the top of District 3.

The Unity Map needs to be rejected and thrown out immediately.

Sincerely,
Ann Li
San Jose Resident

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Fw: Strongly Supporting the Unity Map

redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Salvador Bustamante [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 2:16 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Strongly Supporting the Unity Map

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As a San Jose resident of District 9, I am writing in support of the San Jose Redistricting Unity Map, which will ensure all of our votes have equal weight, each of our voices equal stature, and each of our communities equal resources—creating a more equitable and just City for our working families, renters and Black, Latino, Asian and indigenous neighbors.

The San Jose Redistricting City Council must now choose between several redistricting maps, including options like D4 and the so-called “Community Map” advanced by right wing political activists. These maps, whether intentional or not, would further dilute the voices of marginalized communities, creating unfair elections across San Jose for years to come! This cannot stand.

We need to think critically about communities of interest, and how our historic lines have empowered the voices of some communities and marginalized others. We need to bring communities that share similar cultural, economic and social ties and community needs together and ensure every resident has a voice, regardless of how much money they have in their pocket, where they sleep at night of the color of their skin. The Unity Map does this.

Yet our lawmakers are considering several other maps that continue to divide our communities, further entrenching legacies of voter suppression and redlining in San Jose’s decision making.

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Sincerely,

Salvador "Chava" Bustamante



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Fw: Strongly supporting the unity Map

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Sincerely,
Isabel Olazcoaga



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Fw: Strongly Supporting the Unity Map - Small Business Voice

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From: Mimi Hernandez <mimi@prosperitylab.org>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 3:58 PM**To:** redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; tobi.taber@sanjoseca.gov <tobi.taber@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Strongly Supporting the Unity Map - Small Business Voice

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Sincerely,

Mimi M Hernandez
Executive Director



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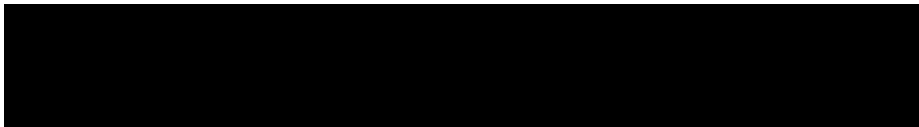
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I urge you to vote to maintain our existing neighborhoods and our inclusion in D3 as currently proposed by the Community and the Commissioner's Map. Although the Commissioner's Map does not include the Vendome Neighborhood in District 3, the inclusion of Vendome must be included in District 3 as well. I realize that all maps presented have issues and none is without worthy contentions. I request that Japantown Neighborhood Association remain whole in the finalized approved redistricting map put forth by Council this evening.

I appreciate all the hard work that created the 3 Maps presented to Council today.

Respectfully
Victoria Taketa

Japantown Neighborhood Association Residence

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: **Karin Wilhelm-Safian** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 4:54 PM

Subject: Please support the San José Unity Map

To: <neil.mcclintick@svraction.org>

Dear Policy Advocate Neil Park-McClintick,

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We need to bring communities that share similar cultural, economic and social ties and community needs together and ensure every resident has a voice, regardless of how much money they have in their pocket, where they sleep at night or the color of their skin. The Unity Map does this. Yet our lawmakers are considering several other maps that continue to divide our communities, furthering legacies of voter suppression and redlining in San Jose’s decision making.

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Redistricting Nov. 30 input – Council Agenda Item 3.3

Gary Veselka <[REDACTED]>

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As a Vendome neighbor,

My family is against the San Jose Redistricting of District3 as it separates and fragments the downtown San Jose neighborhood.

Thanks,

Gary

Gary Veselka
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FW: Redistricting Input Nov. 30

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

I think you may already have this, but just in case...

From: Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 12:59 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Fwd: Redistricting Input Nov. 30

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From: Victoria Taketa [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 12:53:04 PM**To:** District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Perez, Raul <Raul.Perez@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Arenas, Sylvia <sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Redistricting Input Nov. 30

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Raymond Bernal Jr, a Vietnam Veteran and a casualty, grew up on the 900 block of N. 5th Street, played little league at the baseball field at 7th and Hedding, a City of San Jose Park, which now bears his name. Raymond Bernal Jr. is one story that tells the collective history of our diverse community of those that worked and serviced creating our community of interest within the Neighborhood boundaries and District 3.

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I do greatly appreciate all the work taken to create the individual 3 maps.

Respectfully

Victoria Taketa

Japantown Neighborhood Association Resident

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Public Comment for Redistricting: Nov 30 City Council Agenda Item 3.3

Doerr Neighborhood Association [REDACTED]

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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers:

Please **approve the Community Map** and reject the Unity Map and Commission Map.

Rachel Daniels

Doerr Neighborhood Association
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From: **Doerr Neighborhood Association** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, Nov 26, 2021 at 8:56 AM
Subject: My Thoughts On Redistricting
To: Councilmember Pam Foley <district9@sanjoseca.gov>

Hello Councilmember Foley,

I attended several of the redistricting commission meetings and would like to share the Doerr Neighborhood Association's view on the proposed maps. The **Doerr NA supports the Community Map** and strongly opposes the Unity Map. The Community map seems to be the most inclusive while maintaining communities of interest and long established neighborhoods in various districts. If the Community Map is not chosen, our 2nd choice would be the Commissioners Map.

I would also like to share that although the supporters of the Unity Map have stated repeatedly that they contacted community members, they have never contacted the Doerr NA for input - even after I

spoke at one meeting sharing our concerns with their map. The approach that they have taken is very concerning and seems highly disruptive to Communities of Interest.

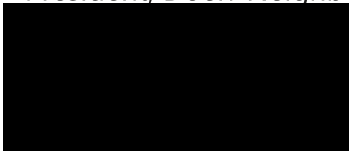
Lastly, it is very important to the Doerr NA that the northern boundary of D6 and D9 remain at Curtner Ave from Leigh to Meridian. In some previous maps this border was moved south towards Doerr Park which would not only divide the Doerr NA but also the Park Wilshire Improvement Association (PWIA), which is an HOA (within Doerr NA), that was established at the time the included homes were built and includes membership to a community pool. If the border was moved south, the PWIA would be divided among two districts. Please see the attached email for a map/graphic.

Please support the **Community Map**.

Thank you,

Rachel Daniels

President, Doerr Neighborhood Association



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Redistricting: D6 & D9 border

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To: redistricting@sanjoseca.gov

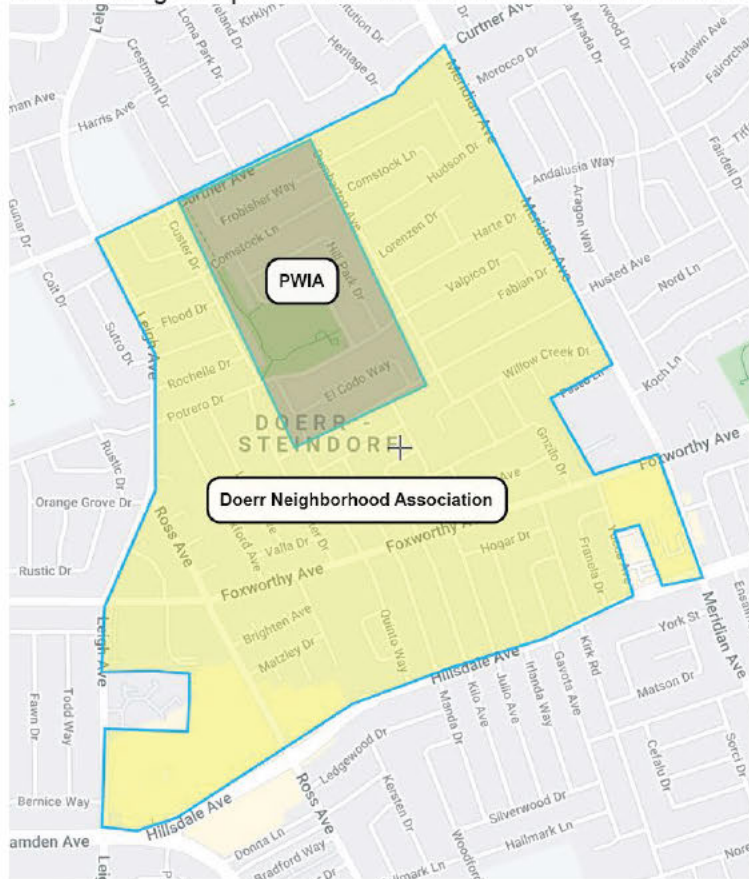
Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 6:49 PM

Dear Redistricting Commission & SJ City Council:

I have been attending the redistricting meetings since October and spoke at one meeting about my concerns regarding the border of D6 & D9 as it impacts the Doerr Neighborhood Association (Doerr NA). I asked that the border of D9 remain at Curtner Ave from Leigh to Meridian as that is the northern boundary of the Doerr NA. In this email I am following up with a graphic and further explanation of the importance of this boundary.

This boundary is particularly important to us as this is also the boundary for the Park Wilshire Improvement Association (PWIA) that lies within the borders of the Doerr NA. The PWIA is a dues paying HOA that has been in place since 1963 (when the included homes were built) and includes a neighborhood pool that is accessible to the members of the PWIA. If the northern border of D9 is moved south towards Doerr Park (as was proposed in some maps) the PWIA would be split between two council districts, as would the Doerr NA. This is unacceptable and can be easily solved by leaving the border of D9 at Curtner between Leigh Ave and Meridian Ave.

I am attaching a map that shows the boundaries of the Doerr NA as well as the boundaries of the PWIA.



Please keep the Doerr NA and the PWIA intact and wholly within D9.

Thank you,
Rachel Daniels
Doerr Neighborhood Association



Item 3.3 Redistricting

Jennifer Malutta <[REDACTED]>

Tue 11/30/2021 4:43 PM

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Hi:

Please see the attached letter regarding Item 3.3 on today's agenda.

Go Spartans,

Jennifer Malutta
Senior Director of Local & State Government Relations
Office of the President

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November 30, 2021

Mayor and City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: 3.3 City of San José Council District Redistricting

Dear Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of our campus community, I write to share our position that San José State University's main campus should be included in the same council district that represents the downtown core. Therefore, we support any redistricting map that does just that.

With an enrollment of more than 36,000 students, nearly 4,000 employees and more than 250 fields of study, San José State covers 19 city blocks. It is one of downtown San José's anchor institutions. Collectively, [our economic and social impacts](#) on the downtown are significant.

The future of San José is bright as we look ahead to the future BART station, Downtown West, the promise of 1,800 units of workforce housing at the Alquist site, and much more. The San José State community deserves to be recognized for its collective economic influence, ridership, and community engagement in the downtown. It was not so long ago that San José State was shaded green, like the parks, on a downtown planning map. San José State must be in the same council district as the rest of the downtown core to ensure that we are included in planning and preparing for the future ahead.

In summary, San José State's strong preference is to be part of the same council district that represents the downtown core. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Charlie Faas.

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Charlie Faas

Vice President for Administration and Finance
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